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## Arkansas Department of Agriculture Announces Recipients for the Arkansas Grown Grant for Northwest Arkansas Farmers Pilot Program

**LITTLE ROCK, AR** – The Arkansas Department of Agriculture is pleased to announce recipients of the Arkansas Grown Grant for Northwest Arkansas Farmers Pilot Program. This program, created with support from the Walton Family Foundation, offers grant funding to eligible farmers in Benton, Washington, Madison, and Carroll counties who are committed to increasing capacity for wholesale fruit and vegetable production. The overall goal of the pilot program is to increase the amount of locally produced food in the four-county area.

“This pilot program provides funding directly to farmers to improve their operations and increase availability of fresh, locally grown food for consumers,” said Wes Ward, Arkansas Secretary of Agriculture. “The Arkansas Department of Agriculture is honored to assist in the administration of this grant program and looks forward to seeing its positive impacts.”

Grants were awarded for eligible expenses to 26 farming operations in the four-county pilot program area. Recipients for the Arkansas Grown Grant for Northwest Arkansas Farmers Pilot Program are:

A & A Orchard	Hiatt Blueberry Farm	Plant Spirit Farm
Cochran Gardens	King Rivers Farm	Rios Family Farm
dH Farm	McGarrah Farm	Rocky Comfort Natural Farm
Fat Top Farms	Middle Fork Farm	Shimizu Farms
Floraion Farms	Mountain Garden Farm	Snuggle Bug Farm
Gifford Gardens	Neal Family Farm	Sunny Acres Farm
Greenburrow Farm	Omnom	Sycamore Bend Farm
GSS Group	Ozark All Seasons	The Farm
Hatch Farm	Peaceful Warrior Garden	

For more information about the pilot program, contact Karen Reynolds at [karen.reynolds@agriculture.arkansas.gov](mailto:karen.reynolds@agriculture.arkansas.gov) or (501) 529-1630. Photos from the Arkansas Grown Grant for Northwest Arkansas Farmers Pilot Program reception are available at [flic.kr/s/aHBqjA7ZRK](https://www.flickr.com/photos/arkagriculture/).

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